PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I have laid on Table :

(*a*) the Schedule of Demands for Supplementary and Additional Grants for the year 1954-55.

(*b*) the list of promises made by Government during Budget Session of Legislative Assembly, 1953 and action taken thereon.

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—Sir, I lay on the Table :

(*a*) copies of Notifications Nos. L. 1859—ML. 123-3-3, dated 22nd May 1954 and L. B. 2907—V.P. 40-54-2, dated 16th June 1954, issued under the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871 ;

(*b*) copy of Notification No. T. 1330—R.T. 158-53-17, dated 25th June 1954, issued under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I beg to present the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Account of 1950-51 and the Audit Report, 1952 and Finance Accounts, 1950-51 and the Audit Report, 1951.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Chairman, Estimates Committee).—Sir, I beg to present the second report of the Estimates Committee.

MYSORE BOARD OF REVENUE BILL, 1954.

Motion to consider.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—Sir, I beg to move :

"That the Mysore Board of Revenue Bill, 1954 be taken into consideration."

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important measure. Till now there were no statutory bodies in Mysore to dispose of revenue and other appeals that came up before Government. The Revenue Minister and other Ministers are exercising the appellate powers under the Land Revenue Code and various other enactments. The bulk of the appeals has gone up to such on extent that the Minister whose main responsibility is to lay down policies cannot dispose of these cases and he cannot find adequate time to hear and dispose them of. Sir, in the year 1952-53 the Government received 464 appeals. In the year 1953-54, 464 appeals were received. In the year 1954-55, up-to-date, we have received 311 appeals. In the year 1952-53, 48 Muzrai appeals were instituted ; in the year 1953-54, 40 appeals were received and in 1954-55 so far we have received 18 appeals. When I took charge, the opening balance was 354 and that year 465 were instituted, out of which 448 were disposed of. Added to it, the Revenue Minister is required to dispose of sales-tax revision petitions and tenancy revisions. In the year 1952-53, 225 revision petitions were instituted. In the year 1953-54, 120 petitions were entertained. This year, so far 70 have been entertained. Hon'ble Members can just imagine the volume of work that a Revenue Minister is required to do. He has to hear the appeals and write judgments.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narasipur).—Why do you take the trouble ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—To avoid that trouble I have brought this Bill before you so that you may give your consent very early.

1-30 P.M.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—On a point of clarification, I want to seek some information at the hands of the Revenue Minister. Does this Board take the place of the Government or of the Revenue Commissioner or the Excise Commissioner ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I will explain. The Bill proposes to constitute a Board which will consist of the Revenue Commissioner, the Excise Commissioner and the Commissioner for Local Self-Government and any other officer if the Government deem fit to appoint. The Board will exercise all the appellate and revisional powers